



St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Inc.

Florida Council of Catholic Women

National Council of Catholic Women

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To: SPDCCW Board members
Affiliate Presidents
Affiliate Pastors/Spiritual Advisors
Invited Guests

Subject: Official Call to 2026 Convention - *"We Walk by Faith, not by Sight"*

You are cordially invited to attend the Fifty-Eighth Annual Convention of the St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa Brandon, 10220 Palm River Road, Tampa, FL 33619, (813) 653-1905.

For 2026, we will start the convention beginning Friday morning May 1st and concluding on Sunday morning May 3rd with the Healing and Remembrance Mass. Highlights include **Keynote Speaker David Sanborn's story of his faith journey is truly inspiring, from a family of missionaries to his conversion to Catholicism you don't want to miss his talk.** We will end Saturday afternoon with the Living Rosary followed by dinner and "Wheel of Faith" hosted by Our Lady of Life District.

The Bishop's mass will be held on Friday, May 1st, 4:30 pm at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa Brandon. Following Mass, we will have the **Bishop's Banquet**. Please invite your Spiritual Advisors, Pastors and Parish Clergy to join us at this special 58th Celebration Mass and Dinner. (There is a space on the registration form to reserve a seat for your Clergy to attend the Bishop's Mass, please mark it if they are attending.)

This year's convention is a bit different. Meals are included with registration, there is a discount for the full registration, and Friday and Saturday dinners can be purchased separately.

This is a GREAT year to invite friends to join you! We especially invite our working members and their guests to attend the full 58th Annual Convention. Clergy and Religious may register without a Fee, but all meals require paid reservations by the deadline. See the Tentative Schedule for sessions and other activities information.

This is your only Call to Convention. Everything you need is in this packet. Credential information/form, Hotel Information, Registration forms, Heavenly Benefactor letter with form, the Our Lady Undoer of Knots Convention Scholarship Fund Application as well as raffle tickets, along with a Tentative Schedule, speaker bios along with the 2026 Purposed By-Law changes are included. Take advantage of Early Bird Registration. **All deadlines are final.**

Presidents, please provide a copy of this packet to your Pastors and Spiritual Advisors. Also, please remember to include them on your Affiliate registration forms. It is requested that each Affiliate submit all registration forms with one Affiliate check (if possible). **Seating is assigned as registrations are received, so please send your affiliate's registrations in together.** Please encourage attendance at Convention by providing your members with all necessary information and forms, including those for Heavenly Benefactors, and Dinners. All presidents must complete the Affiliate Credential form and send in by mail or email by the deadline; remember, your voting delegate must be registered to attend the sessions.

Those registered to stay at the hotel will once again be receiving free breakfast each morning following their stay (ex. stay Friday night, get free breakfast Saturday morning, etc.) and two free drinks and snacks at the hotel's evening cocktail party.

I thank you in advance for your generosity, time and participation. Thank you for all that you do.

Your sister in Christ,
Coleen Ward

Coleen Ward, SPDCCW President

**St Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
58th Annual Convention
Judy Taiclet, Credentials Chairman**

CREDENTIAL DEADLINE MUST BE POSTMARKED BY March 13, 2026

Article X, Section 1 of the St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women By-Laws states, "In part, the Council shall meet annually at Convention to transact such business as shall come before it..."

In odd-numbered years, new SPDCCW Officers are elected at Convention. Voting delegates are current members of the St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Board of Directors and two representatives from each Affiliate in good standing. Stamped Credentials are required to vote.

Affiliate presidents should assure that two of their members represent the Affiliate at Convention by selecting delegates who will be attending Convention and by completing and submitting the form at the bottom of this page postmarked or emailed by March 13, 2026 deadline.

SPDCCW Board Members:

You Do Not have to pre-register to vote

You Do Bring and present ID

You Do Sign and have the voting card stamped at Credential table at Convention

Our Lady Star of the Sea ("OL SOS") Committee Members:

Each District gets up to 6 votes each. The members of the OLSOS Committee that will be casting those votes on behalf of the District must submit the list of 6 names to Judy Taiclet (see contact information below) by March 13, 2026.

Affiliate Presidents:

Affiliates receive **2** votes each. If you are not attending, please assign your vote to another member of your affiliation who is attending the convention. The affiliate voting delegates must not also be SPDCCW Board members (no individual may have more than one vote).

Complete the form below with the names of the two members who will carry your affiliate votes.

All Affiliate Voting Delegates must pre-register by email or by mail for credentials.

Credential Registration deadline is postmarked by March 13 2026. Use the form at the bottom of the page.

Please check in at the Credential's table at Convention to sign for your voting card. Bring and present your ID. Your voting card must be stamped at the Credential's table in order to vote.

Send Completed Form To: Judy Taiclet
3504 W Wisconsin Ave.
Tampa, FL 33611
Cell 813-786-3510
itaiclet@tampabay.rr.com

Cut Here and return to Judy Taiclet, Credential Chairman by March 13, 2026

AFFILIATE Registration Form – Please Print

Name of Affiliation _____

Name of Voter #1 (president or assignee) _____ Phone _____

Name of Voter #2 _____ Phone _____

Signature of President

The Affiliate President must sign this Official form. Thank you.

Please print name of President _____ Phone _____



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Group Information:

St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 58th Annual Convention

May 1st– May 3rd, 2026

Guestroom Rates

Group Booking Code: 90Z

Group Website:

<https://group.embassysuites.com/ul37na>

\$175.00 King Suites or Double/Double Suites Per Night Exclusive of 13.5% Tax

Please make sure you make your reservations no later than April 8, 2026
to take advantage of the special group rate.

Face Mask Policy:

- Face masks are optional. The comfort, safety and well-being of our guests and team members continue to be our top priority. In accordance with local guidelines, face coverings are optional but always welcome.

What to expect during your visit:

- We are serving our hot breakfast buffet daily

Monday-Friday 6:30AM-9:30AM Saturday and Sunday 7:00AM-10:00AM

- Each guest 21 years of age and older will receive coupons for two complimentary beverages during our Managers Reception each evening between the hours of 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Self-Parking is offered complimentary to our overnight guests along with guests attending events in the meeting space
- Our restaurant, Mangos Sunset Grill, is serving a full menu Sunday from 5 – 9:00 p.m. Monday- Thursday from 5 – 10:00 p.m. and on Friday & Saturday from 5- 11 p.m.
- For your pleasure, the swimming pool is open from dusk to dawn.
- The Fitness Center is available to all guests 24 hours a day.

Housekeeping By request:

- Housekeeping is still complimentary but now must be requested at least 24 hours in advance. For guest staying four nights or longer, a full clean will automatically be conducted every fifth day.
- To request complimentary housekeeping, extra towels or bath amenities simply call (dial 0) or stop by the front desk and we'll be happy to help.



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To enhance your visit:

- A limited number of premium rooms are available to include; upgraded premium wi-fi, Keurig Coffee Makers, an assortment of snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Upgrade fee \$30.00.
- Need a little extra space? An oversized corner suite will provide a bit of extra square footage for a fee up to \$25.00.
- Prefer a ground floor guaranteed suite or a pool view? Please request when booking or upon arrival for just a \$10.00 per night additional fee, based upon availability.

We are grateful for your business and are here to help in any way we can to enhance your visit. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

The Embassy Suites Tampa/Brandon Team

58th St. Petersburg Diocese Council of Catholic Women Convention

May 1 – May 3, 2026, Embassy Suites Brandon

Name as on badge (Please PRINT ONLY) _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

District: _____ Affiliate: _____ 1st Time attendee: Yes

Highest **Current** Position: _____ Diocese: Dist: Affiliate: _____

Clergy & Religious – Free registration. Meals are NOT included. If clergy wishes to attend Bishop's Mass, please indicate. Attending Mass Yes No. If attending during the day, please indicate if they want lunch on Friday \$35 Saturday \$35

Registration Must be postmarked by:	Earlybird April 3rd	Late April 17th	Total
Full- Friday & Saturday all meals (lunches & dinners)	\$225	\$250	
Friday Only with lunch & dinner	\$150	\$165	
Saturday Only with lunch & dinner	\$150	\$165	
Friday Dinner Only	\$65	\$75	
Saturday Dinner Only	\$60	\$70	
Friday Dinner Choices: <input type="checkbox"/> Steak with demi glaze <input type="checkbox"/> Mahi Mahi with citrus burro sauce <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian All includes rolls, spring mix salad, roasted garlic mash, Fresh vegetables, cheesecake or chocolate cake			
Total amount paid (please include check #)			

Registration includes lunches & dinners as well as Coffee, Tea and Soda available throughout the day

Friday lunch buffet includes farmers salad, Cuban sandwich, grilled chicken sandwich, or a vegetarian option with cookies or brownies.

Saturday lunch buffet includes Ceasar salad, chicken parmesan, baked ziti bologna, parmesan mashed potatoes, sauteed vegetables and chocolate chip cannoli.

Saturday dinner buffet includes house salad, barbecue pork riblets, fried chicken, green beans and apple pie.

All Allergies or dietary restrictions: _____

Please send registrations & payment to: Doreen Ward 2252 Tioga Drive Land O Lakes Fl 34639

Any questions text (813) 997-4500 or email coldor4sale@gmail.com

St Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SPDCCW)
Our Lady Undoer of Knots Convention Scholarship Fund Application



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Name _____

Council _____ # of Years in Council _____

Any current or past positions held (ex office, committee, etc)

Address _____

Phone # () _____ Email _____

Council President or reference _____

Contact Info _____

Pastor _____ Parish _____

Reason for the Application (Circle One): Partial or Full Scholarship

(Funds are limited. Recipient(s) may not receive total monies requested)

Amount requested \$ _____ How many SPDCCW Conventions have you attended _____

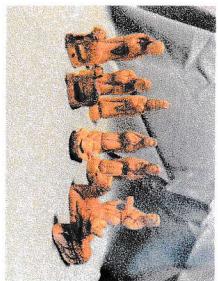
Complete Essay: Describe your involvement in and interests in council, include how important your local Council is to you. *Essay must be between 50 to 150 Words PRINTED. Please use the back of the Application if you need more space.*

SPDCCW Convention Scholarship Applications will be reviewed by the SPDCCW Convention Scholarship Committee: Chairman Linda Seufert, 2nd Vice President; Sue O'Brien, 1st Vice President; Past Diocesan Council Presidents: Suzie Garrett, Lynn Erickson, Mary Woltman, Beth Aubin, Missy Garrett, Josephine Maestas; and Coleen Ward, President, ex-officio. The decisions of the committee will be based on funds available and the number of applications received. Not all applicants may be eligible to receive funds for the upcoming Convention. **Apply now.** SPDCCW Convention Scholarship Applications must be completed and turned in to Linda Seufert, 2nd Vice President, SPDCCW Convention Scholarship Chairman: 16272 Flavian Rd, Brockville, FL 34601 - no later than March 13, 2026

By applying and signing the Application, the SPDCCW retains the right to publish statements made by you on your Application. If you do not wish your name included with the statements you make, please, indicate this by checking the box below.

I do not wish my name to be used

Signature _____ Date _____

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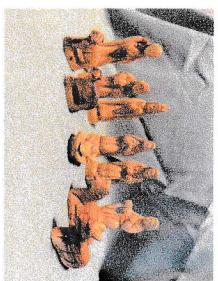
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Drawing will be at the 58th Annual St Petersburg
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To benefit the Our Lady Undoer of Knots
Scholarship

May 1-3, 2026

1 for \$1.00 – 6 for \$5.00 – 18 for \$10.00

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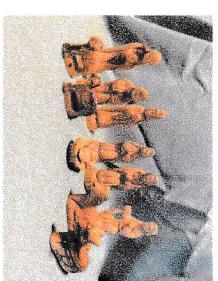
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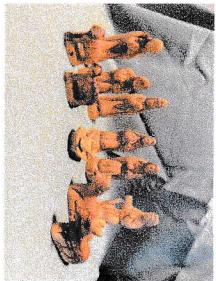
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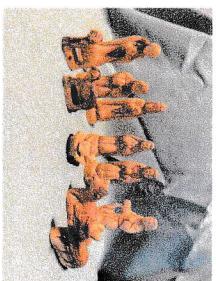
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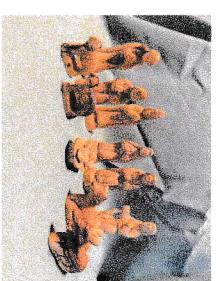
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58th Annual Convention
“We Walk By Faith, Not By Sight”
2026 Heavenly Benefactors Campaign

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Greetings Council Sisters and Friends,

Our Catholic Councilwomen of the St. Petersburg Diocese, the five counties of Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas, are asking for your support of the 2026 Convention *Heavenly Benefactors* Campaign, an annual fundraiser of the St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SPDCCW).

When you support this campaign, you not only support the nearly 2,000 members in the SPDCCW, but also honor yourself or someone special to you by having their name placed in the Mass prayer basket at SPDCCW 58th Annual Convention. Also, when postmarked by the March 13, 2026 deadline, the names of honorees and/or contributors who donated to the *Heavenly Benefactors* Campaign will be printed in the Convention Program Book.

We appreciate your participation by selecting one of the five (5) categories of donation: \$10 Cherub, \$25 Angel, \$50 Guardian Angel, \$75 Archangel, and \$100+ Seraphin. Then select the reason to honor this person by selecting one of the three (3) classifications - Memorial, Mentor or Special Recognition.

Submission must be postmarked by March 13, 2026, to be printed in the Convention Program. All submissions, including those received after the (postmarked) deadline March 13, 2026 will be posted, following Convention, on the SPDCCW website: spdccw.org.

Please feel free to duplicate and distribute the attached form to family and friends. Our *Heavenly Benefactors* Campaign Chairman, Kathy Huey, (khuey1@aol.com 352-684-9729), will be happy to respond to any questions you may have.

Thank you and God bless you,

Coleen Ward

Coleen Ward, President
St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

ST. PETERSBURG DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
58th Annual Convention
"We Walk By Faith, Not By Sight"
2026 Heavenly Benefactors Campaign

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SPDCCW, Inc (Add Heavenly Benefactors (HB) in Memo)
MAIL TO: Kathy Huey, 3415 Dothan Ave, Spring Hill, FL 34609

CATEGORIES OF SUPPORT: *Seraphim* Over \$100 - *Archangel* \$75 - *Guardian Angel* \$50
- *Angel* \$25 - *Cherub* \$10

(Please PRINT Clearly)

Fill in one block for each submission. If you need more space for other Honorees you may use a separate sheet of paper. Please include your name and phone number on that page.

I /We Wish To donate \$ _____ for listing in category _____			
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St Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
58th Annual Convention

Tentative Schedule

Date	Hours	Activity
Thursday, April 30	6 pm	Reception (all are invited) - Hotel Lounge
Friday, May 1		8 am - 9 am Registration & Welcome Bags / Voting Delegate Credentials All Day Prayer Room 9:15 am Opening of Convention 10 am Tibit #1 10:15 am Breakout Session "All About You" - SPDCCW Members 11:15 am Break 11:30 am Spirituality Commission Workshop "We Walk By Faith, Not By Sight" - Denise Mercado 12:30 pm Break 12:45 pm Lunch 2 pm Tibit #2 2:15 Keynote Speaker - David Sanborn 3:15 pm Afternoon Announcement 4:30 pm Bishop's Mass Following Mass Evening Reception 7 pm Bishops Banquet
Saturday, May 2		8:30 am - 9 am Registration & Welcome Bags / Voting Delegate Credentials All Day Prayer Room 9:15 am SPDCCW Annual Meeting 10 am Break 10:15 am SPDCCW Annual Meeting (cont) 11:30 am Break 11:45 am Lunch 1:15 pm Living Rosary 2 pm Tibit #3 2:15 pm Service Commission Workshop - Kelly Crabb 3:15 pm Break 3:30 pm Leadership Commission Workshop "Membership Matters" - Lisa Legarreta 4:30 pm Afternoon Announcements 6 pm Evening Reception 7 pm Our Lady of Life Fun Night "Wheel of Faith"
Sunday, May 3	9 am Following Mass	Remembrance Service and Healing Mass Final Resolutions and Closing of Convention

Keynote Speaker – David Sonborn

David studied Music-theatre at Wheaton College, Biblical Greek at Liberty University and earned a Master's degree in Theology from the Augustine Institute.

Formerly a Protestant pastor, David was received into the Catholic Church in 2017. He has spoken and sung at Conferences and parishes throughout the U.S.. He has been featured on EWTN, the Catholic Channel, the Hallow App, the Ascension App, the Amen App and various other Catholic radio shows and podcasts.

David serves as the Director of Evangelization and Stewardship at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Land O' Lakes. He often ministers alongside his wife, Victoria Sanborn (who holds a Master's degree in theology from the Dominican House of Studies), but their favorite ministry is to their three little boys.

Guest Speaker – Denise Mercado

She is a award winning author, blogger, solo traveler, widow, mother and grandmother. She was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York and Plainview, Long Island. As a military spouse she lived in many cities around the USA and abroad. Denise writes about her faith and all that she has learned and experienced in life. In addition to the Nihil Obstat, her books have received awards from prominent organizations such as the Catholic Media Association and the Independent Author Network. Denise has a Bachelor of Science from Campbell University, is an active member of Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Palm Harbor, Florida, and an Associate with the Sisters of Notre Dame. As a solo traveler, Denise explores the beauty and history of the Catholic Church and share her experiences n her Catholic Travel Blog.

Guest Speaker – Kelli Crabb

Kelli Hanley Crabb is a cradle Catholic. She and her husband have been married for 48 years, but it wasn't an easy road. They met in college and he was not Catholic, but her priest advised her not to force him to convert and to let it be his decision.

Shortly after marrying Roger, at only 20 years old, Kelli was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. After a hysterectomy they adopted two beautiful children (now grown). As her priest predicted, Roger became Catholic 16 years after their wedding, and they have been members of Holy Family Catholic Church for the past 35 years.

About 5 years ago, Kelli's cancer came back in a different location she began treatment but struggled with what the chemo was doing to her body. Roger convinced her to talk to their pastor Father Bob Romain, who suggested that she pray about it. After much soul-searching, she decided to continue fighting.

Kelli admits that there were times when she questioned God, but her faith has kept her going. She firmly believes that God is granting her more time to do good things for Him.

OUR LADY OF LIFE PRESENTS



WHEEL OF FAITH
GAME NIGHT

SATURDAY
MAY 2nd

St Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

2026 Proposed By-Law Changes

2026 Proposed Amendment to Article I - Name

Existing Bylaw:

Article I - Name

Section 1.

This organization shall be known as the St. Petersburg Diocesan Council, of Catholic Women Incorporated (Inc), hereinafter referred to as "The Council" or "DCCW" and is divided into geographical sections known as Districts.

Proposed Amendment:

Article I - Name

Section 1.

This organization shall be known as the St. Petersburg Diocesan Council, of Catholic Women Incorporated (Inc), hereinafter referred to as "The Council" or "SPDCCW" and is divided into geographical sections known as Districts, said Districts shall be defined in the Standing Rules.

Rationale: *The organization's acronym should include 'SP' to represent St. Petersburg. The geographical sections must be defined in the Standing Rules, and the Bylaws should reference the Standing Rules as the source for those geographical section definitions.*

Comment: *If this proposed Bylaw Amendment passes, the remainder of the Bylaws would be updated to replace DCCW with SPDCCW in every occurrence.*

Submitted by Melissa "Missy" Garrett / The Bylaws Committee (recommends/does not recommend) this Amendment.

2026 Proposed Amendment to Article IV - Membership

Existing Bylaw:

Article IV - Membership

Section 1.

C. In the event there is no organized parish women's group affiliated with the Council, individual membership shall be available on application to either the District President or the Diocesan President. An individual member shall be eligible to hold office and have voice.

Proposed Amendment:

Article IV - Membership

Section 1.

C. In the event there is no organized parish women's group affiliated with the Council, individual membership shall be available on application to either the District President or the Diocesan President. An individual member shall be eligible to hold office, ~~and~~ have voice and vote at the SPDCCW Annual Convention.

Rational: *With the growing loss of Affiliate membership, it would be prudent to allow Individual Members to have the right to vote to increase awareness of the Mission Statement of the St Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. "The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) mission is to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service, acting through its members to provide Gospel-based responses to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world." Without a viable voting population and knowledge of the existence and importance of the SPDCCW organization we will fail. Since we*

follow NCCW Mission Statement we should follow NCCW Voting privileges for Individual Members.

Comment: Under NCCW: Membership and Dues/ Rights and Privileges

Voting Rights: Individual members in good standing (current on dues) are each granted one vote in matters brought before the general membership, such as at the annual convention. High school/collegiate individual members do not have voting privileges.

The bylaws distinguish between individual members and affiliated organizations, which are local, diocesan, or parish Catholic women's groups. While individual members get one vote, affiliated organizations receive two votes. Presidents of affiliates who are also individual members must log in separately for each membership to cast their respective votes.

Submitted by Mary Woltman/ The Bylaws Committee (recommends/does not recommend) this Amendment.

2026 Proposed Amendment to Article IV - Membership

Existing Bylaw:

Article IV - Membership

Section 1.

D. If a Council Affiliate withdraws from Council, a member of that affiliate may become a member of a participating Council Affiliate in her District if their bylaws allow. This must meet with the approval of the Pastor of the affiliate the member wishes to join.

Proposed Amendment:

Article IV - Membership

Section 1.

D. If a Council Affiliate withdraws from Council, a member of that affiliate may become a member of a participating Council Affiliate in her District if their bylaws allow. (this must meet with the approval of the Pastor of the affiliate the member wishes to join) or she may opt to become an Individual Member in her District. If a member is in a parish whose district is inactive, she may become an individual member in another district.

Rationale:

1. Removing the phrase "if their bylaws allow" aligns with Article XIII, Section 2, which states: "These Bylaws shall govern the Districts with the provision that the District may establish Special Rules of Order and/or Standing Rules pertaining to their needs."
2. If a member belongs to a parish within an inactive District, allowing her to join as an individual member in another active District ensures she retains full participation in the Council. This provision upholds her right to membership and engagement, despite the inactivity of her original District, and supports inclusivity and continuity within the organization.

Submitted by Melissa "Missy" Garrett / The Bylaws Committee (recommends/does not recommend) this Amendment.

2026 Proposed Amendment to Article VI - Government

Existing Bylaw:

Article VI - Government
Section 5.

B. Nominees for the Present, First Vice President, and Second Vice President shall have served as a District President.

Proposed Amendment:

Article VI - Government
Section 5.

B. Nominees for the Present, First Vice President, and Second Vice President shall have served as a District President, District Vice President or Affiliate President.

Rationale:

1. *With the loss of Districts, the number of members holding this office is only 3 each term. This means only 3 members would qualify every term for 3 positions. This is not enough to sustain the selection for offices.*
2. *The affiliate President is one of the most demanding positions in the CCW. The affiliate President is responsible for the same duties as the SPDCCW President positions.*

Submitted by Linda Seufert/ The *Bylaws* Committee (recommends/does not recommend) this Amendment.

2026 Proposed Amendment to Article XII - Representation

Existing Bylaw:

Article XII
Section 1.

The voting membership of the Annual Convention shall consist of the Affiliation delegates, all members of the Diocesan Board of Directors and Past Presidents of the Council.

Proposed Amendment:

Article XII
Section 1.

The voting membership of the Annual Business Meeting and Annual Convention shall consist of the Affiliation delegates, all members of the Diocesan Board of Directors and Past Presidents of the Council.

Rationale:

1. *An Annual Business Meeting is a requirement of being Incorporated. This designates who can vote at the Annual Business Meeting.*

Submitted by Linda Seufert/ The *Bylaws* Committee (recommends/does not recommend) this Amendment.

2026 Proposed Amendment to Article XII - Representation

Existing Bylaw:

Article XII
Section 2.

Each affiliated organization in good standing shall be entitled to be represented at the Annual Convention by two delegates.

Proposed Amendment:

Article XII

Section 2.

Each affiliated organization in good standing shall be entitled to be represented at the Annual Business Meeting and Annual Convention by two delegates.

Rationale:

1. *An Annual Business Meeting is a requirement of being Incorporated. This designates how many delegates are represented at the Annual Business Meeting.*

Submitted by Linda Seufert/ The *Bylaws* Committee (recommends/does not recommend) this Amendment.

2026 Proposed Amendment to Article XII - Representation

Existing Bylaw:

Article XII

Section 3.

No delegate shall be allowed to represent more than one(1) organization. Each delegate at the Annual Convention shall have one (1) vote.

Proposed Amendment:

Article XII

Section 3.

No delegate shall be allowed to represent more than one(1) organization. Each delegate at the Annual Business Meeting and Annual Convention shall have one (1) vote.

Rationale:

1. *An Annual Business Meeting is a requirement of being Incorporated. This designates who can vote at the Annual Business Meeting.*

Submitted by Linda Seufert/ The *Bylaws* Committee (recommends/does not recommend) this Amendment.